(b) if so, whether the Government propose to distribute anti-pest chemicals free to those whose crops are actually affected by the pests, or are about to be?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Pesticides and insecticides are sold by the Agriculture Department at half price to the ryots for application to food crops. In all the other cases full cost is collected.

" (b) No."

Absorption of police personnel of Pudukkottai State in Madras State Service.

9-20 a.m. * 316 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the entire personnel of the Police department of the pre-merger Pudukkottai State have been absorbed into the corresponding department of Madras State; and

(b) if so, when and on what service conditions, and if not. why not?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) All the personnel were absorbed with effect from 1st January 1949. They are given the Madras scales of pay which are more advantageous than what they were getting while in the State service. They were ordered to be on probation for a period of one year in the respective categories in which they were absorbed."

Number of suits for evictions filed in South Kanara district.

* 317 Q.—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state how many suits for evictions have been filed by landholders against their tenants in the District Munsifs' Courts of—

(1) Coondapoor;

(2) Udipi;

(3) Karkal;

(4) Mangalore;

(5) Puttur;

(6) Kasaragod; and

(7) Hosdrug

of South Kanara district in the years 1951 and 1952?